Adler Arraigns Education System In Cranbrook Talk

By FENTON R. MATHEWS

Another of the Cranbrook lecture course programs was held in Cranbrook auditorium Thursday evening with Dr. Mortimer J. Adler as the speaker.

It is not popular to see things as they are in our land today but this reviewer will go to his Valhalla with happiness that he could see things as they exist, the reason for some of them, and with frankness to express himself concerning what he saw and some of the things that were hidden.

Dr. Adler spoke on education, that being one of the most discussed and perhaps the least understood item that confronts us today. Education as we call it has developed so as to befuddle present and future citizens.

To those understanding the American scene it is common knowledge that most anything can be achieved in this nation if one has the proper "build-up" and the correct contacts. It is an established fact that people do not want to think and that sugar coated sayings are taken with more grace than are facts.

Educated and Clever

Adler is both educated and clever. Educated, according to one standard, means having exercised the mind and indulged in thinking. For the reason that he thinks, he is, therefore, educated, and he goes still further, he is clever for the reason that he capitalizes on his education or thinking and people pay to hear him and to read what he has written. But wouldn't we all?

Concerning the "build-up"; It is said that Clifton Fadiman, of the radio "Information Please" program, induced Dr. Adler to write a best selling book, "How to Read a Book." Also, Dr. Adler is associated with the young college president of Chicago University, Robert M. Hutchins, and is visiting professor at St. John's College, Annapolis, Md.

Though connected with two universities, he delivered a terrific and deserved indictment against the present system of education and placed the blame at the door of the parents.

Education Outside College

"Eight years of high school and college work could easily be done in four years if correct thinking were employed" . . . . . "most college graduates out of school five or ten years realize how little they learned" . . . . , and "the best student in the best college cannot possibly become educated while he is in the college" were some of the brilliant statements made by Dr. Adler.

He divided education into three groups: infantile, adolescent, and adult, the adolescent group being that group in college and the lower schools.

Going back to the time of Plato when reason and thinking was on a much higher plane than now, Dr. Adler told of Plato's idea for those youngsters having the better minds who were to be placed in the seminary and taught music and dramatics until they were twenty; then from twenty to thirty they were given mathematics; from thirty to forty they entered the political world and at forty returned to the seminary to study philosophy. Aristotle was inclined toward the same method of mental training, for he believed that younger men were swayed more by their emotions than those having more years to their credit.

Though associated with two universities, Dr. Adler stated that present colleges are dismal affairs and again the parents were assigned the responsibility for the condition.

Parents Mistake

According to Dr. Adler, parents are making a great mistake when they deny themselves so that they may send their offspring to college and gain wealth and fame from the education they receive while there. Education is not gained at college. Only experience and constant development, whether by discovery or instruction, can produce what is termed education. Discovery takes precedence over instruction with most people learning from instruction rather than discovery due to the fact that so few people think and lack the art of discovery.

"A lecture is the notes of the teacher passed on to the student without reaching the mind of either" was one of the witty remarks enjoyed by the audience.

In closing he stated that "though one may have perfect eyes, excellent glasses, the brightest Mazda bulb, the softest chair and the best book, it still requires thinking to understand what is in the book."

Though Dr. Adler stressed thinking and the use of the mind it would be interesting to know how many people could remember at this date the highlights of his lecture.

The usual question period was indulged wherein neither the speaker or the questioner understand each other and little satisfaction is obtained.

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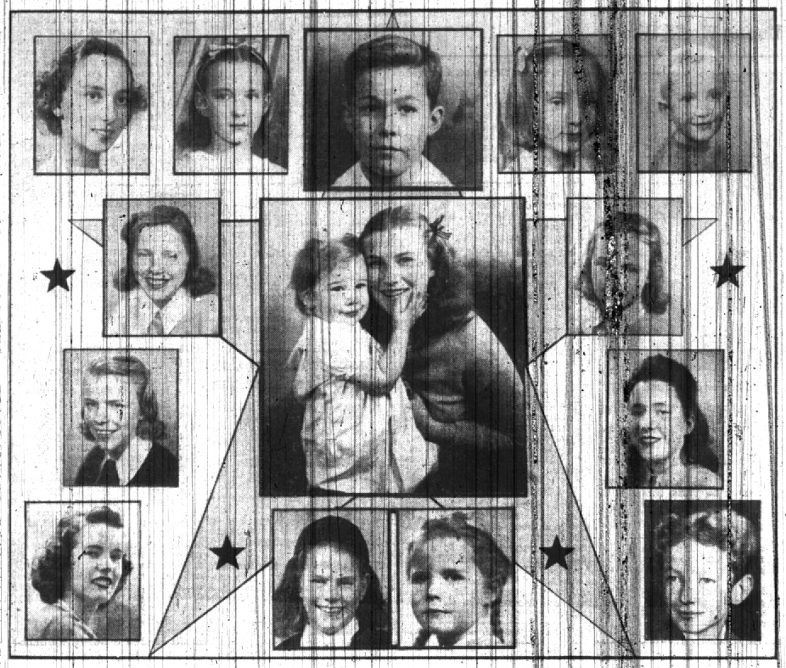

CENTER: "Jiff" and Marianne, children of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Nethercott, 843 Suffield. TOP CENTER: Bob, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shaffner, 824 Wimbleton. TOW ROW, BOTH SIDES OF CENTER: Sally, Susan, Anne and Jimmie, children of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mock, 356 Lake Park. LEFT OF CENTER: "Bobbie" and Honey Mayo, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. White, North Woodward. RIGHT OF CENTER: Elizabeth and Carol, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Boyne, 511 Henley. BOTTOM ROW: Marion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gilbreath, Jr., 416 Purdan. Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bradley, 612 Mohegan. Cynthia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. G. Copeland, 516 Hupp. Cruse Richardson, son of Mrs. E. A. Murphy, Franklin. (Moffett Portraits)

WPA Luncheon Set for Friday

About 100 Oakland County officials of one safetyism and another are to attend a luncheon at Kingsley Inn Friday noon, sponsored by the professional service branch of the Work Projects Administration.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert, Supt. Howard D. Crull, Y Secretary Robert D. Lynd and possibly Mayor John E. Marx will represent Birmingham and one of the problems they will bring up is the difficulty Birmingham has had this winter securing WPA recreational labor.

The director of each WPA project will describe his or her job briefly, followed by messages from Lansing and district WPA officials. Mrs. Thelma Bailey, of Birmingham, county coordinator of information, arranged the luncheon.

Says Word 'Ain't' Really Ain't So Bad

MT. PLEASANT—If you like "ain't," says "ain't," because it ain't too badly wrong.

Like many another slang word and contraction in everyday talk, "ain't" is rapidly being accepted by the American people from the standpoint of usage, if not of absolute correctness.

"Words like 'ain't' and color and individuality in our everyday language that set it apart from standard or 'book English,'" says Dr. E. C. Beck, English department head at Central State Teachers College.

"And, anyhow, the test of whether a word is right or wrong is the test of the language level. What is right for colloquial language is not necessarily right for the level of standard English. At the same time, many phrases are acceptable on the 'slang' level that would not fit into either of the other two levels—colloquial and standard."

Aside from "language level," there are two approaches to this language laughing. Dr. Beck maintains. You can speak the "King's English" with all its stiff correctness, or you can unbend a little and talk "American."

"And if the ordinary fellow will stop to think about it," Dr. Beck says, "even the school teacher himself, he will admit he uses a good deal more 'American' than he does 'English.'"

This is to say he uses words that have color and punch and that drive a meaning home with clarity and precision.

Decide!

He.—I've made up my mind to stay at home, dear.

She.—Oh, I'm sorry, but I've made up my face to go out.

Wears Queer Garb For High Flying

This Canadian airman's purpose is not to frighten the enemy to death. He is garbed in goggles and oxygen mask for flying in the upper altitudes when making delivery of bombs to various sections of Germany.

Dimitri Mitropoulos Coming to Ann Arbor

Dimitri Mitropoulos, conductor of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, will make their Ann Arbor debut, Tuesday night, Jan. 28, in the Choral Union Concert series, in Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Mr. Mitropoulos first attracted attention in this country when he appeared as guest conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, on invitation of Serge Koussevitzky. (A little later, when Eugene Ormandy resigned his post at Minneapolis, it was the directorship of the Philadelphia Orchestra, Mitropoulos was engaged as his successor. He immediately won high favor and the acclaim which followed his first performances there has continued with accelerated importance.

Mr. Mitropoulos went to New York as Guest Conductor of the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra for a month last spring. There he has won many ovations and New York critics, as well as concert goers, have been enthusiastic.

Only One Injured In Many Crashes

Of the many auto mishaps in Birmingham last week-end, only one involved personal injuries reported to police.

Wauneta Lilley, 23, of 1617 Sheffield, driving south on Adams, crossing Woodward, collided with a car driven by Mrs. E. F. Richards, 22, of 107 Norton, Pontiac. Miss Lilley received a small cut on the left side of her head.

Food For Baby Discussed In New Book at Library

BY LINDO MOORE

Sufferers from the baffles, uncertainties and wall feeling engendered from trying to make Baby absorb his vitamins when it's obvious he has other ideas are greeting H. T. Hilles' book, *Feeding Baby*, with cries of joy. The volume is one of the new ones at Baldwin Library.

Attacking the problems with enthusiasm and humor, the author deals with everyday meals, special diets, new foods and other perplexing matters. In addition, she discusses such crucial matters as preparing meals for both infant and husband without creating a family rift, children's parties and feeding sick children.

Your Best First Forward, by D. C. Stratton. A handbook on social usage for young moderns. Based on questions submitted by college students from every part of the country, it deals exhaustively with dates, tons, dances, week-ending and a score of other social situations that may prove pitfalls for the unpoised. The book is written tersely and in great detail—the problem of the proper plate on which to deposit an olive, and how to eat a three-decker club sandwich are not too small to find a place in the book.

Choosing a College, by H. R. Sims. A helpful book covering when to apply for college, how to go to college on nothing a year, scholarships, National Youth Administration help, where to go if you are not college material.

The Fleet Today, by Kendall Banning. Describing navy life from the moment a recruit is accepted up to the time he becomes a full fledged gob. Included also a complete list of every fighting ship in commission, in building or authorized.

Puerto Rico, by Merle Colby. A profile of the island illustrated with many photographs. A companion book is *The Virgin Islands*, by the same author.

Fifty Contract, by Charles H. Stewart. Essays, chiefly on a nautical history. Particularly interesting are the "Chicago Spices" and "The King Bee."

Oswald Garrison Villard Next on Cass Town Hall

Oswald Garrison Villard, one of America's most distinguished journalists and authors, is the speaker for the Detroit Town Hall, at the Cass Theatre, on Friday morning, Jan. 17, at 11 o'clock. Mr. Villard spent the summer and several months late last year in Europe where conditions are covered in his lecture, "Behind the Scenes In Fighting Europe."

4 O'CLOCK every Wednesday is the deadline for turning in your classified "Want Ads." Phone 11.

Thickness of Batter and Heat of Iron of Prime Importance in Waffle Making

In the making and baking of waffles there are two essential things to be considered, the thickness of the batter and the heat of the iron. In these recipes all measurements are level, a standard measuring cup and spoon are always used.

Plain Waffle

2 cups of pastry flour.
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1 1-2 cups milk
6 tablespoons melted shortening

Sift dry ingredients. Separate whites from yolks of eggs, beat yolks in mixing bowl, add the milk, continue beating with egg beater. Add the sifted dry ingredients. Beat with egg beater until smooth. Add melted shortening, stirring it in with a spoon. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake in waffle iron.

Sour Milk Waffles

2 cups bread flour
1 teaspoon of baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 eggs
2 cups thick sour milk
4 tablespoons of melted shortening.

Mix as the other waffles, only stir the soda into the sour milk before adding to the mixture.

Corn Pone

1 cup cornmeal
1 cup flour
1-4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
4 teaspoons baking powder

Sift these together. To this add 1 egg beaten until frothy.

1 cup milk
4 tablespoons melted shortening

Bake as you would waffles. Serve hot with fried ham.

Buckwheat Waffles

1 1-2 cups buckwheat
1-2 cup flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
2 eggs
2 cups milk
4 tablespoons shortening

Sift together dry ingredients and mix and bake as usual.

Pecan Waffles

2 cups flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
¼ cup sugar
1 1-2 cups milk
2 eggs
6 tablespoons melted shortening
3 tablespoons chopped pecans
1 teaspoon Vanilla extract

Mix and bake as usual. Serve as a dessert with whipped cream.

Short Cake

1 cup flour
1-2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 1-2 tablespoons shortening
1-2 cup milk
1 egg

Sift dry ingredients into mixing bowl. Cut in shortening with 2 knives until like coarse meal. Beat the egg, add the milk and mix. Bake in waffle irons until crisp and brown. Serve with butter, crushed fruit and whipped cream.

Ginger Cake

1-2 cup butter
2-3 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
1-2 cup molasses
2-3 cup sour milk
Sift together
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
3-4 teaspoon soda
3-4 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Mix together in order given. Bake in waffle iron. Put together with butter filling or whipped cream. This makes 6 layers.

Bran Waffles

1 cup flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup bran
1 1-2 cups milk
2 eggs
6 tablespoons melted shortening

Sift dry ingredients. Mix and bake as usual.

Two Cars Collide At Adams, Maple

Fenders were smashed last Friday evening at Maple and Adams when Sally Pattison, 15 years old, of 1414 Birmingham boulevard, going east on Maple and turning left onto Adams, collided with a car driven by Manuel N. Burnette, route 4, going west on Maple.

Closing of Cold creek to smelt dipping, at least for two or three years, is recommended by the conservation department's institute for fisheries research, on completion of a fisheries survey of Crystal lake. It is from Cold creek that dip netters take the spawning smelt by the thousands every spring.

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Happenings of Long Ago

Fifty Years Ago
Jan. 15, 1891

George Shutes is home again for a few weeks before starting out on his annual seed collecting trip.

Birmingham, England, is said to be the best governed area in the world. Birmingham, Mich., will never get the reputation of the best governed town of the state even, as long as she has snow on her walks, mud on her cross walks, dark places on her streets and patches up the broken ways with pieces of zink or tin, on which every passer slips in winter and stumbles in summer.

John Strong, from Northern Michigan, has been visiting his brothers, Will, Ike and the rest of the family the past week. John is a trusty and reliable employee of a railway company that actually gives him two weeks vacation all at one time.

Twenty-five Years Ago
Jan. 14, 1915

Miss Irene Wood, of Tuscola, is the guest of Mrs. Bert Wood.

Mrs. John Baldwin, of West Maple avenue is quite ill.

George Anderson and Glenn H. Bingham, substitute carriers for R. F. D. routes there and see have just passed what is known as the most strenuous, energetic and difficult time of the whole year, the holiday season, when packages, cards and letters fill the air.

Secretary of War Garrison, in his report to the house committee on military affairs, proposes the creation of a scale federal force of more than a million men in six years, accumulation of a huge reserve of ammunition and equipment and elaborate extension of the coast defenses, the whole project involving an increased expense of $600,000,000.

The United States has sent to Ambassador Page in London for presentation to the British foreign office a note vigorously protesting against the British authorities interfering with and censoring mails from the United States to neutral European countries.

Five Years Ago
Jan. 16, 1936

Bill Gail and Carolyn Barnes are valedictorian and salutatorian of the January graduating class.

As the result of a fall from a city truck, Jan. 6 while unloading streets, William Luth, 58 year old employee of the city, died Friday in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Montgomery Whaling, of Abbey road, and Charles E. James, of Kennesaw avenue, were reelected to the offices of chairman of the board and president, respectively, of the Birmingham National Bank.

Walsh, James & Wasey company announce the addition to their Birmingham force of Donald G. Eade, who has resided at 733 Suffield road for the past six years.

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Drives Down Bank Of Franklin Road

Billy Burch, 21 years old, of 626 West Six Mile road, driving south on Franklin road at 1:45 a. m. Saturday, skidded on the icy and went over the bank, according to a Sheriff's Office report.

MANY PEOPLE FIND it hard to believe that a new Pontiac "Torpedo" costs as little as it does. That is easy to understand. Pontiac looks like a lot of money. And the luxury of its Fisher body adds definitely to that impression.

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Avoids One Car, Smashes Another

Last Sunday afternoon, Donald Flynn, 16 years old, of 732 Pierce street, driving west on Suffield, skidded when trying to avoid another car, and struck the rear of a machine driven by Julia Porath Smith, of 3258 Buena Vista, Detroit, backing out of the driveway at 768 Suffield. No one was hurt.